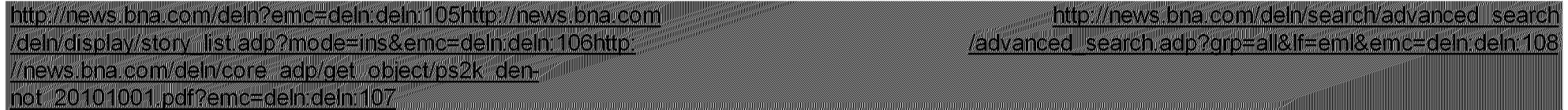


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EPA Requests Refinery Air Toxics Data
To Evaluate Residual Risks of Emissions

The Environmental Protection Agency plans to ask all 152 petroleum refineries in the United States for detailed information about emissions of hazardous air pollutants, part of an effort to determine whether further controls are needed...

Air Pollution
Texas Agency Grants Power Plant Permit,
Rejects Administrative Judges' Objections

AUSTIN, Texas The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at a Sept. 29 public meeting approved an air quality permit for a coal-fired power plant near Bay City, Texas, rejecting most of the objections set out in the state administrative...

Biotechnology
Court Says Challenge to USDA Permits
To Plant Engineered Beets Likely to Succeed

LOS ANGELES Food safety advocates are likely to succeed in their lawsuit challenging Department of Agriculture permits that cleared the way for the planting of genetically modified sugar beet cuttings, or stecklings, a federal judge...

Chesapeake Bay
Federal Plan for Bay Restoration in 2011
Couples Millions in Aid, Enforcement Powers

Six federal agencies led by the Environmental Protection Agency Sept. 30 unveiled a \$491 million plan for Chesapeake Bay restoration in fiscal 2011, promising that if Congress approves the president's budget unprecedented financial...

Climate Change
New York City Greenhouse Gas Emissions Decline

NEW YORK New York City's fourth annual carbon inventory showed a decline in greenhouse gas emissions from 2008 to 2009, backed by a drop in per capita energy use, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg (I) announced Sept. 30. The reductions...

Drilling
Salazar Announces New Offshore Rules,
But Leaves Moratorium in Place for Now

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar unveiled two new rules Sept. 30 for the offshore oil and gas industry with new requirements to improve drilling operations and increase worker safety....

Drinking Water
Pennsylvania to Provide Water to Township,
Seek Recovery From Gas Drilling Company

PHILADELPHIA The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will proceed with an \$11.8 million plan to extend a public water line to replace private water wells in northeastern Pennsylvania's Dimock Township...

Energy
Bingaman Introduces Appliance Efficiency Bill
As Part of Strategy to Move Energy Package

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) introduced legislation Sept. 29 that would set energy efficiency standards for more than a dozen consumer appliances, part of an emerging legislative strategy...

Energy
European Commission Revives Proposal
For Energy Efficiency Labels on Televisions

BRUSSELS The European Commission Sept. 28 said it would try again to introduce an energy efficiency consumer labeling scheme for televisions sold in the European Union after a previous proposal was rejected by the European Parliament...

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Graham Introduces Clean Energy Standard'
Legislation With Incentives for Nuclear

Legislation that would establish a "clean energy standard" and provide incentives for the use of nuclear power along with renewable energy sources was introduced by Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) Sept. 29, making good on a promise...

Energy
Reid Seeks November Vote for Bill
To Foster Natural Gas, Electric Vehicles

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) filed a motion Sept. 29 before the Senate recessed seeking a November floor vote for legislation (S. 3815) that would authorize billions of dollars in incentives for vehicles powered by electricity...

Enforcement
BP Agrees to Pay \$15 Million Penalty
To Resolve Violations at Texas Refinery

HOUSTON BP Products North America has agreed to pay a \$15 million penalty under a proposed settlement resolving federal Clean Air Act violations at its Texas City, Texas, refinery, Department of Justice and Environmental Protection...

Enforcement
EPA Finds Tonawanda Coke Facility
Major Source of Benzene Emissions

NEW YORK In the latest step of a continuing enforcement case, the Environmental Protection Agency Sept. 30 said that the level of benzene emissions from Tonawanda Coke Corp. in upstate New York makes the coke and coal tar manufacturing...

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Hazardous Waste
Bill Would Prohibit Export of Non-Working
Electronic Goods to Developing Countries

Rep. Gene Green (D-Texas) introduced a bill (H.R. 6252) Sept. 29 to stop the dumping of electronic waste in developing countries by prohibiting exports to countries that are not part of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development...

Hazmat Transport

Legislation on Hazardous Cargo Clears Congress

Congress approved legislation Sept. 30 that would reauthorize the U.S. Coast Guard and also require the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a national study to improve the security of hazardous cargo in maritime transportation. The...

Hazmat Transport

PHMSA Revises Bulk Packaging Final Rule

To Restore Intermediate Containment Clause

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is revising a final rule published in February that, among other things, altered the definition of "bulk packaging" for hazardous materials transportation, according...

Mining

Science Advisers See Strengths, Weaknesses

In EPA Gauges of Mountaintop Mine Impacts

A panel of scientists released two draft reports Sept. 30 that praise the Environmental Protection Agency for much good work in analyzing the environmental impacts of mountaintop coal mining, but caution that the agency needs a more diverse...

Oil Spills

Admiral Thad Allen Says Federal Powers

Should Be Clear, Automatic in Future Spills

NEW ORLEANS Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen Sept. 30 said he plans to present a report to President Obama recommending that certain emergency federal powers take force automatically in the event of another incident similar to the...

Oil Spills

Coast Guard Reauthorization Bill Passed

With Provisions for Oil Spill Prevention

Congress completed passage of a U.S. Coast Guard reauthorization bill Sept. 30 with measures to reduce the risk of oil spills through stronger financial obligations for tankers and other ships carrying oil and requirements for more regulatory...

Pesticides

EPA Submits Proposed Rule to Tighten

Protections of People in Human Studies

The Environmental Protection Agency submitted for White House review Sept. 29 a proposed rule that would tighten protections for people in human research involving pesticides....

Superfund

Rejecting EPA Accrual Date Argument,

Court Rules Time Expired for Cost Recovery

The Environmental Protection Agency's claim for oversight costs at a superfund site was untimely, a federal court ruled Sept. 21 as it rejected the government's argument that the claim did not accrue until an appeals court overturned...

Toxic Substances

European Food Safety Agency Decides

Not to Change Limit on Bisphenol A Intake

BRUSSELS The European Union s allowable daily intake threshold of the organic compound bisphenol A does not need to change, the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) said Sept. 30....

Toxic Substances

REACH Advisory Group Publishes Guidance

To Assist 'Downstream' Users of Chemicals

BRUSSELS The European Union s main federation representing small and medium-sized businesses issued a guidance document Sept. 24 setting out in simple terms the obligations faced by "downstream" users of chemicals...

Water Pollution

State Groups to Team Up on Energy, Water Work

Two associations of state officials, one focused on energy regulation and one on water regulation, have entered into a memorandum of understanding that sets the stage for joint projects. The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission and the...

Water Resources

Schwarzenegger Signs Legislation

Establishing Salton Sea Restoration Council

LOS ANGELES California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Sept. 27 signed a bill establishing a Salton Sea Restoration Council to oversee efforts at saving the troubled inland lake....

CORRECTION

An article in the Sept. 29 report incorrectly stated the funding for the FutureGen project. According to the Energy Department, the total cost of the project is about \$1.15 billion. The department is providing more than \$1.05 billion, mostly...
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